

CMSP NEWSLETTER

County Medical Services Program: A Consortium of 34 Counties

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WELCOME!

Special Interest Articles:

- CMSP Governing Board Join us!
- Aid Code 50 - Wonder what it is?
- CMSP and ADAP

This is our first edition of the County Medical Services Program (CMSP) Newsletter. All CMSP staff members have contributed to making this an informative and (hopefully) enjoyable document. We want to share with you a little bit about what's new with CMSP, and anticipate producing a periodic publication to keep you up to date. Please see the back page for a listing of relevant telephone numbers.

CMSP Governing Board

The CMSP Governing Board typically holds a public meeting **every fourth Thursday** (usually in Sacramento) to discuss current issues involving the CMSP and to make policy decisions. The Board is composed of 10 representatives from the 34 participating counties, as well as one ex-officio member from the California Health & Human Services Agency (H&HSA).

Board members include:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Representing</u>
Nancy Huffman (Chair)	Supervisor	Modoc Co.
Carol Mordhorst (Vice-Chair)	Dir., Dept. Pub. Hlth.	Mendocino Co.
Mike Chrystal	County Admin. Off.	Sonoma Co.
Patricia Cragar	Dir., Dept. Soc. Welfare	Butte Co.
Carl Havener	Hlth Agency Dir.	Tehama Co.
Doug Latimer	County Admin. Off.	Shasta Co.
Mike Rippey	Supervisor	Napa Co.
Tracy Russell	Soc. Services Director	Amador Co.
Alene Taylor	Supervisor	Kings Co.
Brent Wallace	County Admin. Off.	Tuolumne Co.
Kimberly Gates	Assistant Secretary	H&HSA

See Page 2 for information on the next meeting.

CMSP Aid Code 50 - Emergency Medical Benefits

Aid Code 50 extends emergency medical benefits and limited follow-up care to eligible CMSP county residents with undetermined citizenship status.

Eligible recipients are entitled to all covered inpatient and outpatient services necessary for the treatment of an emergency medical condition as certified by the attending physician or other appropriate provider. In addition, **limited follow-up care** after the emergency may be authorized in certain instances.



CONFUSED ABOUT WHAT'S COVERED IN CLINICS?



RHC/FQHC
Treatment

Many CMSP providers and beneficiaries have asked what is covered when a CMSP beneficiary receives treatment in a Rural Health Clinic (RHC) or a Federally Qualified Health Clinic (FQHC). The answer is simple! Within specified limits, a CMSP beneficiary is **eligible** for the following services when provided in a RHC or FQHC:

Adult Day Health Care	Audiology & Hearing Aids	Blood & Blood Derivatives
Chronic Hemodialysis	Dental Services	Durable Medical Equipment
Medical Transportation	Eyeglasses/Eye Appliances	Lab/Radiology Services
Medical Supplies	Occupational Therapy	Optometry Services
Physical Therapy	Podiatry Services	Physician Services (including Psychiatrists)
Prescription Drugs	Prosthetic/Orthotic Appls.	
Speech Pathology	Outpatient Heroin Detox.	

CMSP beneficiaries **are not eligible** for the following services when provided in a RHC or FQHC:

Acupuncture Chiropractic Services Pregnancy-Related Services
Psychology Services (unless provided by a Licensed Psychiatrist or Licensed Physician)
All Services not covered by Medi-Cal



CMSP and ADAP

CMSP and the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP)

The AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) provides medication for individuals earning less than \$50,000 annually. This includes many clients that are also eligible for CMSP. For those CMSP beneficiaries ADAP is designated the primary payor, and is the first program to be billed when prescribing HIV/AIDS medications. In accordance with an agreement between CMSP and ADAP, CMSP is the secondary payer for AIDS drugs. For enrollment information on ADAP, please refer to www.dhs.ca.gov/ps/ooa/Programs/CARE/adap.htm or call 1-888-311-7632 (PMDC Systems).



CMSP Governing Board (cont. from Page 1)

The Board will be meeting at the Radisson Hotel, 500 Leisure Lane, in Sacramento on the fourth Thursday, at 10:00 a.m., for the next few months. If you have any questions about the Board, upcoming meetings, or would like to be placed on our mailing list for future meetings, please call Ms. Kathy Grab, CMSP Governing Board Liaison, at (916) 322-1315, or check out the CMSP Governing Board website at: <http://www.cmspcounties.org/>.



CMSP Aid Code 50 (cont. from Page 1)

IF CMSP covered and paid for the original emergency, limited follow-up care for Aid Code 50 recipients may be authorized and reimbursed.

Treatment Authorization Requests (TARs) and claims for follow-up care must include:

- 1) A description of the original emergency treatment provided,
- 2) How the critically necessary follow-up care relates to the original emergency, and
- 3) Payment information (i.e., a copy of the Remittance Advice) relating to the original emergency if available.

Please refer to the Medi-Cal manual pages on CMSP for further information on this subject.



Innovative Solution to Lack of Providers in Sonoma County.

Sonoma County Takes a Special Leap

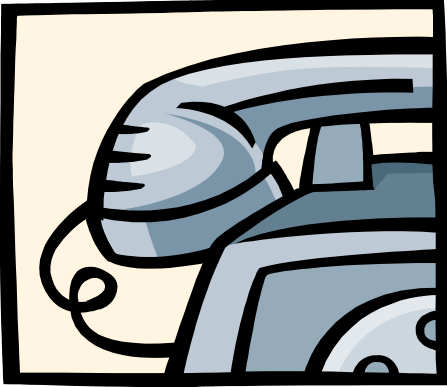
When the shortage of Gastrointestinal (GI) specialists treating CMSP & Medi-Cal patients became critical in Sonoma County, the folks at Sonoma County Partners For Health (PFH) came up with an innovative solution. An arrangement was made between the PFH and the GI specialists in the area for a clinic arrangement to treat CMSP & Medi-Cal patients. Basically, one day a week one of the specialists will treat patients at a clinic site outside of their practice. All patients needing GI appointments are scheduled on that day. The GI specialists rotate the assignment at the clinic and special funding/reimbursement arrangements have been put into place to minimize the impact on their private practices. This has been a "win-win" situation for Sonoma County, CMSP and Medi-Cal patients!

What Makes CMSP Unique?

The CMSP and fee-for-service Medi-Cal have a lot in common: 1) same provider network as Medi-Cal, 2) same authorizations/policies for covered services, 3) claims processed by Electronic Data Systems (EDS) in the same manner, and 4) payment rates the same as Medi-Cal for all covered benefits.

However! There are five significant **differences**:

- 1) There are five benefits that CMSP does not cover that Medi-Cal does: acupuncture, long term care, chiropractic services, pregnancy-related services, and psychology services unless provided by a Licensed Psychiatrist or Licensed Physician.
- 2) CMSP offers limited follow-up care to Aid Code 50 beneficiaries (individuals with undetermined immigration status). (Please see article on page 1).
- 3) A CMSP beneficiary can receive eyeglasses through any independent optician, except for those enrolled in the Solano County Partnership for Health.
- 4) Inpatient services are paid at fee-for-service rates, rather than Medi-Cal contract rates.
- 5) CMSP services are paid out of county funds; Medi-Cal is supported by a combination of State and Federal funds.



Let's Hear from You

All of the members of the CMSP/DHS staff hope that you have enjoyed the first issue of the CMSP Newsletter. Please let us know what you think. Are there other issues/topics you would like to see us cover in our next issue?

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